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I believe I am the original, first, and sole inventor of the subject matter that is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled "Herbicide Resistant Rice," filed as Patent Cooperation Treaty application number PCT/US99/26062 in the United States Receiving Office on 05 November 1999, designating the United States, and claiming the benefit of the priority of United States Provisional Patent Application serial number 60/107,255, filed 05 November 1998.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information that is material to the patentability of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56.

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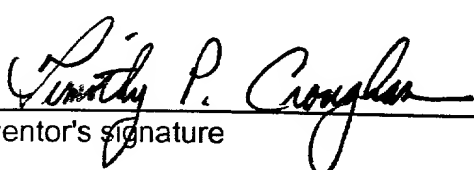
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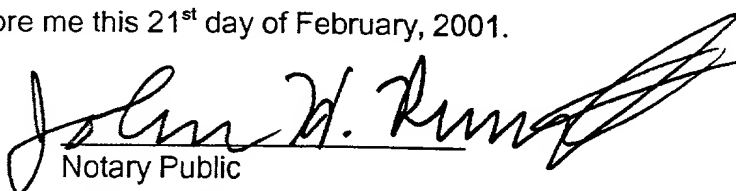
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